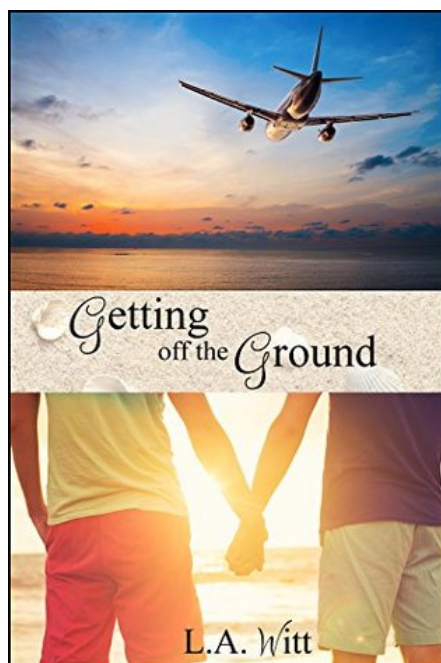




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After being stood up at the altar, compulsive over-planner Elliott Chandler decides to turn their honeymoon on Oahu into a vacation for one. Fate puts a hitch in his plans, however, when the airport is snowed in and his flight is delayed.

In the airport, the jilted groom catches the eye of another stranded traveler: the laidback and very sexy Derek Windsor. Derek breaks the ice and strikes up a conversation, and as the temperature drops outside, the heat between them rises. Pity they're both going to different islands, but if their flight doesn't leave soon, Mr. Calm-and-Cool may just tempt Mr. Play-It-Safe to do something reckless.

And that plane isn't going anywhere any time soon.

This 20,000 word novella was previously published and is also available as part of the Changing Plans collection.

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Lou says

A fun, quick read from the dependable pen of Ms Witt.

Carolina Vita says

Esta novela me dejo con ganas de mas. Me encanto la historia que se desarrolla, transcurre rápido, ya que no los protagonistas no disponen de tiempo suficiente para pasar juntos, debido al atraso de su vuelo pero aun así es una historia buena. Es la primera vez que leo un libro de este estilo, y me sorprendió gratamente. El lenguaje y la redacción que posee es fresca, sencilla y correcta, a pesar de ser un libro erótico, no llega a ser vulgar, que es algo fundamental. Este libro contiene dos personajes con vidas distintas, opiniones y mentalidades totalmente diferentes, que aun así saben aprovechar y aprender uno del otro, yo misma sentí que coincidía con muchos aspectos con respecto a la idea de amor que ellos tienen. Un rasgo que me gusto ver, es como se sienten ellos frente a las miradas de los demás, al rechazo y el miedo que enfrentan constantemente. En resumen es un libro del cual pediría un segundo, para poder seguir a estos personajes mas de cerca y que logro sorprenderle gratamente

Nichole (DirrtyH) says

I will include a review for the sequel, Infinity Pools. It's basically just one book but we somehow got tricked into paying for it twice. Lucky for Amber Quill and L.A. Witt, it's good.

Ula'ndi Hart says

Overall book rating: 4

Audio Book: N/A

Book Cover: 4

Stranded at an airport after being left at the altar

No the thumbs up is not for being dumped it's for the nice little story that follows these tragic happenings. I really enjoyed this one, and need I say how pleased I am too see that there is more?

Needless to say, I will be reading the rest in the near future.

The Translation Abbey says

OMG Este libroooo!! Tiene de todo: humor, romance, charlas "picositas" y...

¡LEE LA RESEÑA AQUÍ!

Jenre says

Less than 24 hours previously Elliott had been standing at the altar waiting for his lover to appear. He didn't. Now Elliott is sitting in the airport terminal waiting for his delayed flight to Hawaii, determined to take advantage of a paid for honeymoon even though it's just him going on his own. As the plane is delayed by snow over and over again he strikes up a conversation with the man opposite to him, Derek. Derek is almost the opposite to Elliott, being laid back and not interested in long term relationships, but there's still an attraction between them which Elliott is hoping could lead to more.

This story really worked for me for several reasons but mostly because I sympathised with Elliott to a great degree. He's been hurt and humiliated and I liked that instead of hiding away, he's determined to take the holiday and forget about his ex-fiancé. Elliott's the sort of detail focused person who likes to plan things down to the minute, so he's a bit fed up when his plans are going awry before he even gets on the plane. Derek is very different to Elliott but this works because Elliott admires the free and easy way he views life. Elliott's life isn't working too well for him at the moment so it seemed realistic that he would attempt to do things Derek's way for a change. The way that Elliott goes about this over the course of the story was delightful to read.

Another aspect which worked was the sizzling sexual chemistry between the two men. They spend quite a bit of time flirting and getting to know each other and the build up is wonderful. When they finally get to act on all that buzzing sexual desire it's explosive, but also surprisingly emotional and tender. The way the story concludes leaves us at a turning point for Elliott and I'm happy to see that there's a sequel coming out next week (although it's going to be too long to review here, unfortunately).

My one niggle was that I felt that perhaps the way that Elliott moves from almost being married to jumping into bed with Derek was a little sudden. The author does try to address this in the book, and it sort of works with the explanation we are given, but it did make me feel a little uncomfortable.

Overall though, that slight niggle wasn't enough to ruin what was a pretty terrific story of chance-meets and the promise of more and I'd recommend it for those looking for a hot short with sympathetic characters.

Ami says

This is my first experience with L.A. Witt's books. Almost every reviews I read sort of informing that this story is only the first of two parts. So, I decide to wait until book #2 was out. I must say that I am charmed with this short story!!

The secret of the charm, I think, it's the adorable character in the narrator (Elliott) and the off-the-bat chemistry he has with Derek. It's not very often, when a story is written from 1st person, that you can get that chemistry with the love interest so strongly, because it is always feel a bit one-sided. You don't know what the other person is thinking. Not this time though. It probably helps because Elliott and Derek have that long chit-chat while they are waiting for the flight, so you kind of able to get an idea about Derek and his philosophy of life. Elliot's thoughts are amusing as well, can't help to giggle several times.

I thoroughly enjoy this set-up. While I know that it will end up somehow in the hotel (it's kind of predictable, when it comes to that, you know that the plane will be delayed to give chance for our MCs to have sex :p) but it is done with entertaining mood and just the right amount of seduction, it's so sexy and hot.

Now, I can't wait to read their adventure in Maui!!

HereAndNow says

Super sweet and super hot story. Loved the tension between them and the hotel sex *cough* ^^

Marissa says

"You know that feeling when you first meet someone, the sparks are flying, and you can't think of anything except how much you want to touch them?"

Yeah, this is the precise feeling throughout this novella, and it is mighty stimulating.

Elliot and Derek

This story begins with Elliot being abandoned at the altar by his partner of six years and then eventually deciding to take their honeymoon trip alone. What *I* believe happens next is fate intervening. A snowstorm standing travelers at the airport, and an overheard phone call that disgusts one person, while intriguing another. Cue sparks!

The sweet and sensual relationship between Elliot and Derek ultimately begins from those first intoxicating moments of a certain, easy connection with another human being. A few comfortable conversations and some brazen confessions later lead to the discovery of a mutual attraction, which then triggers an impulsive and alluring invitation to spend the night together. And oh what an amazing night it is.

Naturally, with the undeniable chemistry they have together, one night is simply not enough. Such leads to another spontaneous decision to spend the rest of Elliot's trip together.

With this being a novella, and only the start of something new and exciting, we are left with Derek and Elliot on board the plane preparing to spend the next two weeks enjoying each other's company. Along with some promising plans for sex on the beach, of course.

This is my first L.A. Witt book, and after experiencing the beginning of Elliot and Derek's relationship, it definitely will not be my last. I look forward to continuing their story in the next book Infinity Pools.

Funzee Shu says

Sex like that didn't feel like a one-night stand. His kiss didn't taste like a stranger's kiss, his hands on my skin didn't feel like hands that would never touch me again after tonight...

Carolina Stroschein says

• "Ahora mismo tengo muchas ganas de besarte". •

Elliott Chandler se encuentra varado en el aeropuerto de Seattle, camino a su luna de miel en Hawái... Corrección: camino a sus vacaciones solitarias en una playa paradisíaca. Justo el día anterior, su novio lo dejó plantado en el altar. El panorama parece bastante desalentador: la nieve no deja de caer, y cubre todo lo que toca de una capa blanca que no parece tener planes de derretirse pronto. Pero de repente:

Elliott repara en el encantador y atractivo Derek, un hombre que completamente ajeno a la situación que se desenvuelve a su alrededor, permanece relajado. Al escuchar a hurtadillas una conversación telefónica entre Elliott y su hermana, Derek se entera del infortunio de Elliott y se acerca para entablar una conversación.

Así, mientras aguardan novedades de su vuelo, ambos llegan a conocerse lo suficiente como para saber que son totalmente opuestos: mientras que Elliott es un planificador compulsivo y romántico empedernido (aunque bastante herido), Derek es un alma solitaria, seguro de sí mismo y, si bien cree en el amor, no cree que valga la pena sufrir a causa de él.

La tensión y el deseo va en aumento. Y cuando finalmente anuncian la reprogramación del vuelo para el día siguiente, Elliott considera la posibilidad de invitar a Derek a su hotel a pasar la noche. Sin embargo, el fantasma de su ex lo sigue atormentando, y Derek no se anda con rodeos.

"Levantar vuelo" es una novella cortita que se lee rapidísimo. Está llena de diálogos picantes, momentos de tensión y frases como las que se pueden leer a continuación. ¡Una lectura más que llevadera!

Algunas citas:

"Varados. En Seattle. En el aeropuerto. Con Derek.

Probablemente el avión no despegara por un tiempo, pero no podía decir que me sentía ni remotamente varado".

"A veces me preguntó si él es verdaderamente feliz en esa relación o si está enamorado de la idea de estar

enamorado".

"Quizás a los dos sólo nos gustaba la idea de estar juntos, aunque estuviésemos llegando al punto en que en realidad no nos agradábamos".

"¿Crees que alguna de todas estas personas no se conocía esta mañana?"

"El aeropuerto es un lugar raro para conocer gente, ¿no?"

"Probablemente dos semanas no bastaban para enamorarme de él. Probablemente dos vidas enteras no bastaran para que él se enamorara de alguien".

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

3.5--**Short but Sexy**--Stars!!

Getting Off the Ground is the first part in a three part series following Elliot and Derek.

Elliot has just been left at the alter by his boyfriend of six years.

He decides to go solo on his would be honeymoon to Oahu. Elliot gets stranded at the airport where he meets fellow passenger Derek. Derek is returning home to Maui. One thing leads to another and

Elliot and Derek flirt and end up spending the night together. One hot night together. Derek convinces Elliot to change his reservations to spend the two weeks in Maui with him.

Elliot and Derek's story continues in Infinity Pools.

Carlos Andres says

Mi primera impresion:

Voy a ser muy sincero, leí la sinopsis y dije: Esto va a ser un mini After con la diferencia que acá la pareja no es Heterosexual, sino Homosexual. Pensé que iba a ser típico libro donde persona buena, responsable e introvertida conoce a persona mala, extrovertida y rebelde.

Mi opinion:

Bueno, bueno, empecemos. Al empezar el libro no estaba muy motivado por la primera impresión, pero a medida que avanzaba me fue enganchando y gustando mas y mas. Los personajes en esta novela son buenos, no digamos distintos, pero tampoco rayan en lo cliché. Elliot, aunque es un obseso por la organización y es bastante "bueno" no llega a ser un personaje mojigato, retraído y chico bueno. Durante toda la novela

pudimos ver que esta intentando vivir nuevas experiencias y tratar de disfrutar sus vacaciones. Otra cosa que me gusto de este personaje es que en ningún momento fue tipo: No puedo ir contigo Derek porque no me convienes y eres malo y yo soy bueno... etc. Desde que le puso la vista encima, sabia con quien se estaba metiendo y tampoco esperaba mucho mas de él. De Derek tengo que decir que es un personaje normalito. No es típico Bad-boy que anda en motocicleta y es un coqueto y blah blah blah. Tiene clase, es coqueto, pero mas en el sentido que es directo, no típico ligo. Todo esta novela me parecio muy fresca muy cortita, rápida y fresca, perfecta para salir de un bloqueo de lector. Una cosa que no me había gustado de esta novela es que fue muy corta y yo creía que era autoconclusiva, pero, fui a mi oráculo de libros (Goodreads) investigué y nope, no es autoconclusivo, es una trilogía, por lo tanto mi calificación no tuvo variación. Un libro muy recomendado, distinto, para las personas que quieren probar algo distinto. Por hoy me despido.

Victoria love books says

Kiki says

This would have been good if the rest of the story were included. As it is, it feels very much like an unfinished work, and just wasn't that enjoyable.
